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SUBJ: TEXTILES: A MODEST PROPOSAL

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1.IN COURSE OF LUNCHEON MEETING WITH EMBOFF, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE INSITUTUTE ALFREDO MILIAN DICUSSED GENERAL GOES THINKING ON TEXTILE TRADE BETWEEN THE US AND EL SALVADOR AND OUTLINED IDEA FOR A MODUS VIVENDI.

2. MILIAN EXPLAINED THAT, CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION GAINED IN EMBASSY DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, GOES HAD NO PLANS AT THIS TIME TO MAKE NEW PROPOSAL ONBASIS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT. MILIAN SAID THAT BY "RULES OF GAME" BALL WAS IN US COURT, SINCE GOES HAD MADE LAST PROPOSAL, WHICH HAD BEEN FLATLY REJECTED BY US SIDE. MILIAN WAS REFERRING TO AMENDED PROPOSAL MADE AT NOVEMBER CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED US TO CONSULT ON CATEGORY 224 AT 3 MILLION SYE AND ON 229 AT 3.5 MILLION SYE. IN ANY CASE, ACCORDING TO MILIAN, GOES WILL NOT ACCEPT A BILATERAL UNLESS PROVISIONS COME FAIRLY CLOSE TO TERMS OF LAST GOES PROPOSAL, WHICH CALLED FOR A GLOBAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTA OF 60 MILLION SYE.

- 3. GOES' PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, ACCORDING TO MILIAN, WOULD BE TO PUT OFF CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE US UNTIL THE SALVADORAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLY MORE GROWTH. IN THIS CONNECTION, MILIAN ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE GOES WOULD COMMUNICATE TO THE USG INFORMATON ON THE INVESTMENT, PRODUCTION AND EXPORT INTENTIONS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND THE USG, IN RETURN, WOULD PROVIDE SOME INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT LEVELS PROPOSED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THIS INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD LAST INDEFINITELY, OR UNTIL THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A BILATERAL. MILIAN SAID THE US COULD BE ASSURED THAT SALVADORAN EXPORTS IN SENSITIVE CATEGORIES WOULD NOT "EXPLOSE.
- 4. EMBOFF TOLD MILIAN THAT US POSITION WAS STILL THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT UNDER ART. IV WAS PREFERABLE COURSE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT MILIAN'S PROPOSAL DESCRIBED PARA 3 ABOVE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON.
- 5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY MILIAN AND, IF APPROPRIATE, INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING RESPONSE TO THE IDEA. CAMPBELL

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